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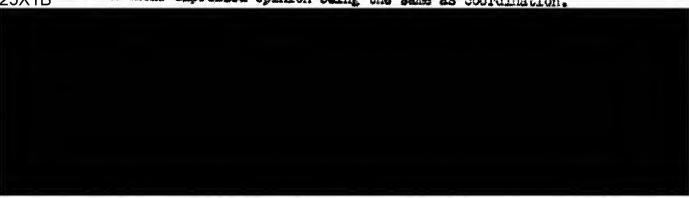
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Subject: Foreign Document Exploitation - Proposed MSCID No. 8

1. ICAPS has tried again to get unanimous agreement in the so-called "Standing Committee" on a proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directive on the above subject and was again unsuccessful. This matter first came up in 19h6 with regard to Exploitation of Enemy Document Repositories which, I believe, subsequently was taken care of in a bilateral agreement with the War Department. We understand that those captured documents are now largely of academic interest only and that many of them are in the process of being declassified; so our latest endeavor was to include in an overall agreement the translating, abstracting and indexing of foreign press and periodicals, and other current foreign documents.

of common concern," (Section 102 (d)(h) of the Act), you probably will have good grounds to stand on. There is a memorandum in the files from the General Counsel, dated 7 January 1948, about the Agency representatives maintaining the fiction of the Director of Central Intelligence having no control but being merely an equal among equals; i.e., ecoperation in their expressed opinion being the same as coordination.



4. Apparently, however, we cannot get the customary agreement (as outlined in NSCID No. 1) for making such a recommendation to the National Security Council, and I am not convinced of the necessity of making an issue of this matter and taking it up direct with the National Security Council outside of the IAC.

- 5. Icaps recommends, therefore, that the proposed MSCID No. 8, "Foreign Document Axploitation" be abandoned and that this work continue to be done by working level agreement under MSCID No. 3, "Goordination of Intelligence Production." Otherwise CIA would do but little, since the IAC agencies would not tell the MSC to have CIA perform any servicesti
- 6. Is it too much to hope that the Inspectors will do something to clarify Section 102(d) of the Act and NSCID No. 1 and effect the active secretation of the Departments? The IAC may already realize that the attitude towards a central intelligence agency!

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